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## PROPOSED AGENDA ITEM RATIONALE

**TO**: Matthew L. Blomstedt, Ph.D.

Commissioner of Education

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## **PROPOSED AGENDA ITEM:**

Approve public school districts and Educational Service Units that have established prekindergarten programs in accordance with the provisions of Rule 11 (92 NAC11), Regulations for The Approval of Prekindergarten Programs Established by School Boards or Educational Service Units and for the Issuance of Early Childhood Education Grants. Approval is for the term of July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017.

## RATIONALE/BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The public school districts and Educational Service Units (ESUs) on the list for approval submitted the required reports and Statement of Assurance indicating compliance with Rule 11 for the school year 2015-16. NDE Office of Early Childhood staff verified compliance based on a review of information and follow-up with programs, as needed.

Two hundred eleven (211) districts and ESUs are submitted for approval for the school year 2016-17. This is an increase of four (4) from school year 2015-16.

## **ESTIMATED COST:**

NA

The following public school districts are recommended for Prekindergarten Program approval for the school year 2016-17:

Adams Central Public Schools (ESU 9)\* Blair Community Schools

Ainsworth Community Schools Blue Hill Public Schools (ESU 9)\*

Allen Community Schools Boone Central Schools

Alliance Public Schools Broken Bow Public Schools

Alma Public Schools (ESU 11)\* Bruning-Davenport Unified System

Amherst Public Schools Burwell Public Schools

Anselmo-Merna Public Schools Callaway Public Schools

Ansley Public Schools Cambridge Public Schools

Arapahoe Public Schools Cedar Bluffs Public Schools

Arcadia Public Schools Centennial Public Schools

Arlington Public Schools Central City Public Schools

Ashland-Greenwood Schools Central Valley Public Schools

Auburn Public Schools Centura Public Schools

Aurora Public Schools Chadron Public Schools

Axtell Community Schools Clarkson Public Schools

Bancroft-Rosalie Community Schools Cody-Kilgore Public Schools

Banner County Schools Columbus Public Schools

Battle Creek Public Schools Conestoga Public Schools

Bayard Public Schools Cozad Community Schools

Beatrice Public Schools Crawford Public Schools

Bellevue Public Schools Creighton Public Schools

Bennington Public Schools Crete Public Schools

Bertrand Public Schools Cross County Community Schools

David City Public Schools Friend Public Schools

Deshler Public Schools Garden County Schools

Diller-Odell Public Schools Gering Public Schools

Doniphan-Trumbull Public School Gibbon Public Schools

Douglas County West Community Schools Gordon-Rushville Public Schools

Dundy County Stratton Schools Gothenburg Public Schools

East Butler Public Schools Grand Island Public Schools

Educational Service Unit 13 Gretna Public Schools

Elba Public Schools Hampton Public Schools

Elgin Public Schools Hartington-Newcastle Public Schools

Elkhorn Public Schools Harvard Public Schools

Elkhorn Valley Schools Hastings Public Schools

Elm Creek Public Schools Hay Springs Public Schools

Elmwood-Murdock Public Schools Hayes Center Public Schools

Elwood Public Schools Heartland Community Schools

Emerson-Hubbard Public Schools Hemingford Public Schools

Ewing Public Schools Hershey Public Schools

Exeter-Milligan Public Schools (ESU 6)\* Hitchcock County School System

Fairbury Public Schools Holdrege Public Schools

Falls City Public Schools Homer Community Schools

Fillmore Central Public Schools (ESU 6)\* Howells-Dodge Consolidated Schools

Fort Calhoun Community Schools Humboldt Table Rock Steinauer Schools

Franklin Public Schools

Johnson-Brock Public Schools

Freeman Public Schools

Johnson County Central Public Schools

Fremont Public Schools Kearney Public Schools

Kenesaw Public Schools (ESU 9)\*

Nebraska City Public Schools

Kimball Public Schools Nebraska Unified District 1

Laurel-Concord-Coleridge Public Schools Neligh-Oakdale Schools

Leigh Community Schools Newman Grove Public Schools

Lewiston Consolidated Schools Niobrara Public Schools

Lexington Public Schools Norfolk Public Schools

Lincoln Public Schools Norris School District 160

Litchfield Public Schools North Bend Central Public Schools

Loomis Public Schools North Platte Public Schools

Louisville Public Schools Northwest Public Schools

Loup City Public Schools Oakland-Craig Public Schools

Lynch Public Schools Ogallala Public Schools

Lyons-Decatur Northeast Schools Omaha Public Schools

Madison Public Schools O'Neill Public Schools

Maywood Public Schools Ord Public Schools

McCook Public Schools Osceola Public Schools

McCool Junction Public Schools (ESU 6)\*

Overton Public Schools

Medicine Valley Public Schools Palmer Public Schools

Meridian Public Schools Palmyra District OR 1

Milford Public Schools Papillion-La Vista Public Schools

Millard Public Schools Pawnee City Public Schools

Minatare Public Schools Paxton Consolidated Schools

Minden Public Schools Pender Public Schools

Mitchell Public Schools Perkins County Schools

Morrill Public Schools Pierce Public Schools

Plainview Public Schools Springfield Platteview Community Schools

Plattsmouth Community Schools St. Edward Public Schools

Pleasanton Public Schools St. Paul Public Schools

Ponca Public Schools Stapleton Public Schools

Ralston Public Schools Sterling Public Schools

Randolph Public Schools Stuart Public Schools

Ravenna Public Schools Sumner-Eddyville-Miller Schools

Red Cloud Community Schools Superior Public Schools

Riverside Public Schools Sutherland Public Schools

Santee Community Schools Sutton Public Schools

Schuyler Community Schools Syracuse-Dunbar-Avoca Schools

Scottsbluff Public Schools Tekamah-Herman Community Schools

Scribner-Snyder Community Schools Thayer Central Community Schools

Seward Public Schools Thedford Public Schools

Shelby-Rising City Public Schools Tri County Public Schools

Shelton Public Schools Twin River Public Schools

Shickley Public Schools Umon' ho' Nation Public Schools

Sidney Public Schools Wahoo Public Schools

Silver Lake Public Schools (ESU 9)\* Wakefield Public Schools

Sioux County Public Schools Walthill Public Schools

South Central NE Unified System 5 Wauneta-Palisade Public Schools

South Sioux City Community Schools Wausa Public Schools

Southern School District 1 (ESU 5)\* Waverly District 145

Southern Valley Schools (ESU 11)\* Wayne Community Schools

Southwest Public Schools Weeping Water Public Schools

West Boyd School District Winside Public Schools

West Holt Public Schools Wisner-Pilger Public Schools

West Point Public Schools Wood River Rural Schools

Westside Community Schools Wynot Public Schools

Wheeler Central Schools

York Public Schools

Wilber-Clatonia Public Schools Yutan Public School

Wilcox-Hildreth Public Schools (ESU 11)\*

Winnebago Public Schools \* ESU administers the early childhood

classroom(s) for the district.

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